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New College-Rolando Branch to Open Sept. 9

The public is invited to take part in the grand opening ceremony for the new College-Rolando Branch Library. The event will take place Friday, Sept. 9 beginning at 2 p.m.

The new facility is a state-of-the-art library and is three times larger than the old College Heights Branch it replaces.

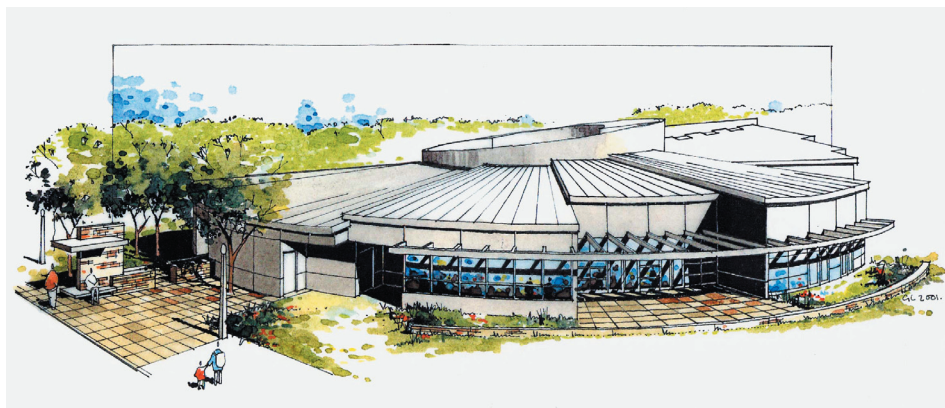
The new library features a computer lab, community meeting room, seminar rooms and a large children's area. It also offers wireless Internet access, a fireplace and an outdoor patio. Access to the 65-space parking area will be provided from both Reservoir Drive and Mohawk Street.

In addition, the College-Rolando Branch is the first of four libraries to feature a Preschooler's Door to Learning Center that will provide services that allow children ages 0 to 5 to discover the pleasures of reading and learning.

The library also has water and energy conservation features with drought resistant landscaping and motion sensor lighting.

Three years of community meetings and discussions about the image for the new library, resulted in a building that represents and brings together the diverse histories and interests of the College and Rolando communities.

This project is part of a citywide program to build or improve 24 libraries throughout San Diego. The College-Rolando Branch is the third completed project, following the construction of a new Point Loma/Hervey



The new College Rolando Branch Library will be more than three times larger than the old College Heights Branch it replaces. The new facility will feature a computer lab, large children's area, reading lounges and outdoor patio.

Special Event Focusing on Miniature Books to Benefit Central Library

Miniature books will be the focus of the fifth annual Friends of the Central Library Exhibit/Reception, benefitting programs and collections at the Central Library. The event will be held Sunday, Sept. 25 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The event will take place in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

The guest speaker of the event will be Eileen Cummings, president of the Miniature Book Society. Her topic will be "Don't Judge a Book by the Size of Its Cover."

The Miniature Book Society is an international nonprofit organization chartered in 1983 by the state of Ohio. The Society sustains an interest in all phases of miniature books, provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and serves as a clearing house for information about miniature books. A miniature book is usually considered to be one which is no more than 3 inches in size.

As part of the event, the Miniature Book Society's Traveling Exhibit will also be on display at the Central Library from Sept. 25 through Nov. 30. In addition, the Library has a collection of more than 200 miniature books, many of which are on display in the Wangenheim Room.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served and live music will be performed. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door. Space is limited. Proceeds will be used to help pay for books and other materials for the Wangenheim Room and programs, equipment and activities. For more information, please contact Vera Miller, Friends of the Central Library, at 619-291-8800.

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Libraries Closed for Labor Day

All City of San Diego libraries will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. Book drops will remain open at all libraries for the public to return books and other materials.

Two Concerts to be Held at Central Library

As part of its Fall Concert Series, two chamber music concerts will be held at the Central Library in September.

- Sunday, Sept. 11 at 2:30 p.m.: **Jeremy Kurtz**, double bass and **Karen Follingstad**, piano, will perform works by Rabbath, Misek, Deak and Kreisler.
- Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m.: **Soprano Mariko Kanamitsu**, accompanied by **Miho Gary** on piano, will perform "A Musical Feast - Delicacies from Handel to Barber."

Both concerts will be held in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. For more information, call 619-236-5800.

Mexican Independence Fiesta at Logan Heights

A Mexican Independence Day celebration will be held Sept. 16 from 3 to 5 p.m. on the lawn of the Logan Heights Branch Library, located at 811 S. 28th St. This free, outdoor fiesta will feature traditional Mexican songs performed by La Rondalla, and ballet folklórico dances by El Ballet Folklórico Tapatío. Mexican Independence Day is commemorated on Sept. 16 to honor the day in 1810 when Father Miguel Hidalgo rang the bell in his church to call upon the Mexican citizens to rise up and demand their independence from Spain.



Band to Play Jazz, Blues at Rancho Peñasquitos

The jazz/blues band Real Deal will perform at the Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. The trio features Ethan Brown, Greg Douglass and Tyler Buckley, who, as individuals, have played with bands as diverse as Los Lobos, Steve Miller Band and Chuck Berry. The Rancho Peñasquitos Branch is located at 13330 Salmon River Road, 858-538-8159.

Workshop for Small Business Structure

A free workshop to help small business owners choose the business structure that works best will be held Sept. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the second floor meeting room at the Central Library, 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. The workshop will cover the differences between S corporations, C corporations, and limited liability companies. The discussion will include the advantages and disadvantages of each, including the tax implications. To register or for more information, please contact the Library's Business Resources & Technology Link at 619-238-6630 or email businesslink@sandiego.gov.

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Educational "Oasis at the Library" Series Begins at Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library

The Library will host a series of educational programs with San Diego Oasis from September through December. All events will be held at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. Oasis is a unique educational program for mature adults who want to continue to grow, learn and be productive during the best years of their lives. The two events in September include:

- Wednesday, Sept. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m.: "**Going, Going, Gone: How to Use eBay**" – Buying and selling items online is a fun and easy way to shop and sell. eBay is the largest and most active action site on the Internet, featuring everything from books to cars. With your instructor connected to the Internet, this demonstration class will help you learn to navigate your way through the ins and outs of eBay, whether you want to buy, sell or simply window shop. Extensive hand outs.
- Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.: "**Meet the Oboe**" – Susan Barrett, principal oboist of the San Diego Chamber Orchestra and frequent soloist ("Millennia, Too!," "Duo Cantilena") will perform Baroque music demonstrating the variety of rich and distinctive sounds of the oboe, oboe d'amore and English horn. Oboes from earlier periods will be shown. The professional life of a classical musician and the making of reeds (from a plant that grows in San Diego creekbeds) will be discussed. Registration is required for both programs. Call the library at 619-531-1539.

Small Business Counseling Sessions

The Library and SCORE will present counseling sessions to discuss business challenges first-time and seasoned small business owners face in a competitive business world. The sessions will be held Sept. 7 and 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the second floor meeting room of the Central Library, 820 E St. Topics to be covered may include business plans, business start-up, finances, marketing, business expansion etc. Participants will meet with one-on-one with a SCORE executive. To register, call 619-238-6630 or email businesslink@sandiego.gov.

Exhibit to Commemorate Warsaw Uprising of 1944

The Library and the Polish Consulate will present a photography exhibit at the Central Library that commemorates the 1944 Warsaw Uprising of the Polish Home Army. The exhibit opens Friday, Sept. 2, at the Central Library and continues through Friday, Sept. 30.

The 40 photographs were taken during the 63 days of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising of the Polish Home Army. More than 200,000 Poles died during the tragic battle, which was staged after five years of brutal German occupation. The city of Warsaw was destroyed almost completely.

The main part of the exhibition consists of documentary photos, maps and text describing the stages and circumstances of the extraordinary 63-day struggle. It also pays tribute to the American airmen who died flying mission over Warsaw in September 1944.

The main exhibition was commissioned by the Polish Consulate in Los Angeles and prepared by a Polish-American design team based in California. The exhibit was compiled in cooperation with historians in the United States and Poland.

The exhibit will be shown in the lobby of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

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Branch and an expanded La Jolla/Riford Branch. Currently under construction are an expanded Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch and new branches for North University Community and Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa.

The College-Rolando Branch Library is open Monday and Wednesday, 12:30 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The library's phone number is 619-533-3902.

For more information about services and programs, stop by the new branch or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

There are still opportunities to have your name or that of a loved one etched on the beautiful glass recognition wall especially designed by artist Christopher Lee. If you'd like to learn more about giving opportunities and ways to recognize loved ones, please contact the Library's Development Team at 619-238-6638 or supportmylibrary@sandiego.gov



Soldiers of the Polish Home Army during the Warsaw Uprising of 1944.

First Workshop to be Held for Youth Voices Project

As part of Youth Voices project, the Library and Media Arts Center San Diego's Teen Producers Project will lead a community-based Oral History Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Barrio Logan College Institute, 1807 Main St.

At this first of three community-based workshops, special guest Arcela Nuñez of the National Latino Research Center will help document and preserve local stories in Barrio Logan.

Young people who live in Barrio Logan will work with Ms. Nuñez and local media arts instructors to demonstrate oral history gathering and schedule interviews on topics related to its documentary series. Barrio Logan community members are invited to bring family photos and tell their stories.

Youth Voices is a one-year digital storytelling project will help sustain, support, celebrate and maintain community identity and pride in an area that is widely regarded as a spiritual center for Latino civic engagement.

The oral histories gathered will contribute to videos that will give voice to featured participants while providing instructive models for leadership, community building, and civic engagement.

Co-sponsoring the project are the MAAC Project, High Tech High School, Barrio Logan College Institute, Memorial Academy Charter School and National Latino Research Center. Funding for the project comes from a California State Library grant through the Library Services and Technology Act.

For more information, contact the Central Library at 619-236-5800, or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>. The Web site for Media Arts Center of San Diego is <http://mediaartscenter.org>.

Award-Winning Documentary About World War II Love Story to be Shown at Central Library

The Library will show the documentary film “Through Hell and High Water” on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m. The free screening will take place in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

“Through Hell and High Water” tells of the true love story between Nancy and Archie Kelly. At the end of World War II, one of the most daring rescues was carried out by the British Navy. At the time, Nancy Kelly was fleeing from Nazi occupation in the north of Norway. She was rescued by the British Navy and it was during that mission that she met her Scottish love, Archie, on the gale blown high seas of the Atlantic. Their love story highlights courage in the face of adversity and shows the determination of the human spirit to fight for freedom at all costs.

The film received a Silver World Medal at the New York Festivals’ 48th annual Film and Video Competition in the documentary category in January 2005. It also won the Silver Screen Medal at the U.S. International Film and Video Festival in Los Angeles in June 2005. The film is presented by the Art, Music & Recreation section of the Central Library. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



Nancy and Archie Kelly on Island of Sørøya.

Free Seminar on Over-the-Counter Medication to be Held Sept. 8

The Library will host a free seminar focusing on over-the-counter medicines on Sept. 8 at 1 p.m., at the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive, 858-538-8163. American medicine cabinets contain a growing choice of nonprescription, over-the-counter medicines to treat an expanding range of ailments.

Over-the-counter medicines often do more than relieve aches, pains and itches. Some can prevent diseases and, with a doctor’s guidance, help manage recurring infections, migraines and minor pain in arthritis. The seminar, which will include presentations and a question and answer period, will provide detailed information from a registered pharmacist. The seminars are part of the Be Well Informed @ your library campaign, presented by Walgreens and the American Library Association. The San Diego Public Library is one of only 10 library systems in the country participating in the program.



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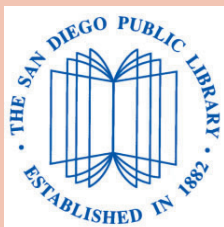
Local Artist and Illustrator Michael Dormer to Exhibit at Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch

More than 60 works by Michael Dormer, one of the wit-tiest commentators and skilled draftsmen working in San Diego today, will be featured in “Oop Bop Sh’Bam and Other Recent Works.” The exhibition will run from Sept. 5 to Oct. 15 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, located at 4275 Cass St.

Spanning a half century, Dormer’s distinguished and fascinating career in fine art, illustration, cartooning, writing, and television has been built on quirky humor, unabashed irreverence, experimentation in subject matter and media, and masterful technical skill. A reception for Dormer will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call the library at 858-581-9934.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City’s web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



Library to Screen Film “Omar & Pete”

The Library will show the POV documentary film “Omar & Pete” on Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. Omar and Pete are determined to change their lives. Both have been in and out of prison for more than 30 years — never out longer than six months. This intimate and penetrating film follows these two longtime African-American friends after what they hope will be their final release. Their lives take divergent paths as one wrestles with addiction and fear while the other finds success and freedom through helping others.

Since 1988 POV has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America’s most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today’s most pressing social issues. A national PBS premiere of this documentary is slated for Sept. 13 at 10 p.m. Check local listings.